

EFFECTIVE

February 1, 2017.

Subject(s)

1. Human trafficking of children.
2. Hyperlink update.
3. Prudent parent standard legal citation and clarification.
4. Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) volunteering and minor miscellaneous changes.
5. Education transportation.
6. Title IV-E clarification - APPLA.
7. Family incentive grant.

1. HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF CHILDREN

SRM 300, Human Trafficking of Children

SRM 300, Human Trafficking, is a new policy item for **all** MDHHS and PAFC caseworkers and contractors providing a service funded by the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program. SRM 300 provides a link to the MDHHS Human Trafficking of Children Protocol, and includes information on the required steps for the identification, documentation, and response when a youth may be or is at risk of becoming a human trafficking victim.

FOM 950, Youth in Transition (YIT) Program & FOM 960, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) Program

References to SRM 300, Human Trafficking of Children, were added.

Reason: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, PL 113-183.

2. HYPERLINK UPDATE

FOM 722-3A, Absent without Legal Permission

A hyperlink was updated.

3. PRUDENT PARENT STANDARD LEGAL CITATION AND CLARIFICATION.

FOM 722-11, Prudent Parent Standard and Delegation of Parental Consent

Information pertaining to liability protection for foster parents when parenting under the standard was added. Additionally, the certification worker's role in the prudent parent standard training for caregivers was clarified. Lastly, a link was added to the Foster Child Bill of Rights in the legal authority section.

Reason: Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act, PL 113-183.

4. YAVFC VOLUNTEERING AND MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES

FOM 722-16, Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care

Volunteering is an added allowable condition to be eligible for the Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care program. Volunteering must be for a community organization for at least 80 hours per month, or in combination with education or employment in order to meet minimum eligibility requirements. Volunteering for MDHHS or other child welfare agency caseworkers does not qualify. Community organization representative must document hours spent volunteering.

The Circuit Court Family Division (CCFD) 20, Ex Parte Petition Regarding Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care, must be filed by the primary foster care caseworker, in the county in which the youth resides, within 60 calendar days of the youth signing the DHS-1297, YAVFC Agreement.

Youth extending to YAVFC must be changed to Legal Status 56 in MiSACWIS.

Addition of YAVFC job aids.

Reason: Education and Youth Services policy clarification.

5. EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION

FOM 723, Educational Services

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 requirements:

- Requires education systems to collaborate with child welfare agencies.
- Requires education systems to ensure school stability for children in foster care.
- Requires school districts to identify a foster care education liaison in each district to work with child welfare staff if MDHHS identifies an education point-of-contact.

Added requirement that each MDHHS county office identify an education point-of-contact.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was amended on December 10, 2016 and removes the term "awaiting foster care placement" in the definition of homeless. Children in foster care will no longer be eligible for any McKinney-Vento services, including payment of education transportation.

Reason: Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, PL 110-351, and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), PL 114-195.

6. TITLE IV-E CLARIFICATION - APPLA

A minor note was deleted that explained the following:

Effective 9-29-15, Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA) was eliminated as a permanency goal for youth under the age of 16. Youth age 14-15 with a goal of APPLA continued to be title IV-E reimbursable until their next permanency hearing when a more appropriate goal was to be established.

Questions about payments that do not appear to meet these criteria must be directed to [MDHHS Federal Compliance Division](#).

Reason: Federal Compliance Division clarification.

7. FAMILY INCENTIVE GRANT

FOM 980, Family Incentive Grant (FIG)

The annual Family Incentive Grant Children's Services Agency Communication Issuance has been incorporated into the foster care manual for ease of access.

Reason: Foster Care Program Office recommendation.

**MANUAL
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Added Items ...

[FOM 980](#)

Changed Items ...

[FOM 722-03A](#)

[FOM 722-11](#)

[FOM 722-16](#)

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